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WI Supreme Court Issues Ruling in Legislature v Palm

CHEQUAMEGON BAY, NORTHERN WI— The Wisconsin State Supreme Court issued its ruling in the case of Legislature v Palm on May 13, 2020. The court ruled that Secretary-designee Palm did not have the singular authority to extend the Safer at Home order to May 26. The Court said the action required emergency rule making procedure, which was not executed by the Department. The Court has struck down the extension of the Safer at Home order.

Ashland and Bayfield Counties want to remind everyone that everything can possibly change based on a mutual plan developed by the legislature and the Governor's office in the future and that this is a continuous revolving situation.

Ashland and Bayfield Counties currently do not have plans to issue local orders or laws regarding the striking down of the extension of the Safer at Home order. However, we are developing criteria should we need to scale back to ensure the safety of our friends, families, and communities.

It is vitally important for individuals to continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene. People should continue to maintain six (6) feet between themselves and non-household members whenever possible. In the event that it is not possible to maintain adequate social distancing, Ashland and Bayfield Public Health Departments strongly encourage the use of facemasks or coverings when in close proximity to others. Frequent handwashing and cleaning of commonly touched surfaces is strongly recommended.



Pending further direction and guidelines or the mutual development of a plan by the legislature and the Governor's office, Ashland and Bayfield Counties strongly encourage businesses that wish to reopen to follow the guidelines set forth by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). We strongly recommend these businesses to open to a *max* capacity that allows for adequate social distancing to be maintained between customers and employees. We also encourage businesses to develop a COVID-19 plan that includes screening of staff for illness, disinfection and cleaning protocols, and proper physical distancing considerations for customers and employees.

This continues to be rapidly evolving situation. Ashland and Bayfield County Public Health, as well as DHS, are doing what they can to communicate updates and information. For additional information or resources please visit:

Ashland County: <https://co.ashland.wi.us/>

Or our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AshlandCountyHealthHumanServicesPublicHealth/>

Bayfield County: www.bayfieldcounty.org/COVID

Or our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BayfieldCountyHealthDept>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

DHS: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/

WEDC: <https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/>

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